NEWSLETTER OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES, NEW MILTON

3RD SEPTEMBER 2023 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



SEASON OF CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION: Runs from now up to the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October. Here is this year's official prayer:

Creator of All,

From your communion of love life sprung forth like a mighty river and the whole cosmos came into being.

On this Earth of overflowing love, the Word was made flesh and went forth with the life-giving waters proclaiming peace and justice for all creation.

You called human beings to till and keep your garden. You placed us into right relationship with each creature, but we failed to listen to the cries of the Earth and the cries of the most vulnerable.

We broke with the flowing communion of love, and sinned against you by not safeguarding the conditions for life. We lament the loss of our fellow species and their habitats, we grieve the loss of human cultures, along with the lives and livelihoods that have been displaced or perished, and we ache at the sight of an economy of death, war and violence that we have inflicted on ourselves and on the Earth.

Open our ears to your creative, reconciling and sustaining Word that calls to us through the book of Scripture and the book of creation. Bless us once again with your life-giving waters so that the Creator Spirit may let justice and peace flow in our hearts and overflow into all creation.

Open our hearts to receive the living waters of God's justice and peace, and to share it with our suffering brothers and sisters, all creatures around us, and all creation.

Bless us to walk together with all people of good will so that the many streams of the living waters of God's justice and peace may become a mighty river all over the Earth.

In the name of the One who came to proclaim good news to all creation, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

For more info and ideas, please go to https://seasonofcreation.org

BISHOP PHILIP: Please pray for our Bishop, Philip, who begins a three-month sabbatical this week.

SECOND COLLECTIONS AHEAD: Next weekend, Catholic Education Service. 16/17 September, Home Missions.

COUNTERS: We need 3 or 4 new volunteers to be parish counters, to attend only about once a month, usually on Monday mornings, to count donations to the parish. Counting usually takes 45 mins to an hour each week. Anyone willing to join the team is requested to email the parish office and leave a phone number for our Treasurer to contact them to confirm details. Many thanks.

URSULA DELAIR: Many congratulations to Ursula who celebrated her 90th birthday on Friday. Many happy returns!

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LITURGICAL CALENDAR, MASS/SERVICE TIMES, AND PRIEST'S INTENTIONS

CONFESSIONS — 5.30PM SATURDAY, (OR AFTER WEEKDAY MASS ON REQUEST)
TEA/COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MORNING MASS IN PARISH HALL

SUN 3 SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00 PM 10.00AM	+Minnie & +Charles Garbett Ursula Delair birthday wishes
Mon 4	St Cuthbert	No Mass		
Tues 5	Feria, week 22	Mass Rosary	10.00am 6.30pm	People of the Parish
Wed 6	Feria, week 22	Mass	10.00am	No intention
Thurs 7	Feria, week 22	Mass	10.00am	No intention
Fri 8	Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	Mass	10.00am	No intention
Sat 9	St Peter Claver	No AM Mass		
SUN 10 SEPTEMBER	TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A	VIGIL (SAT) SUN (AM)	6.00PM 10.00AM	+Isobel Hockey +Edmund Young

2/3 Sept	Reader	EMHC	9/10 Sept	Reader	EMHC
		BD		Cd'E	JT
10.00am	VJ	JK	10.00am	JP	SS

A warm welcome to all our visitors today. Please make yourselves known to one of our Meet & Greet Team, who will be happy to help you.



TODAY'S GOSPEL

IF YOU WANT TO BE A FOLLOWER OF MINE,

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME.

PAPAL VISIT TO MONGOLIA:

Please pray for Pope Francis as he visits Mongolia this week. There are only one and a half thousand Christians in that country, so he could almost do house calls! Pope Francis has often made journeys to places that appear less than obvious. Together with his choice of cardinals, he is making the point that the Church on the peripheries of geopolitics is every bit as important as the Church in the middle. His gestures are prophetic. They encourage Christians and others

living outside the usual spheres of influence. They are also places where the Church is compelled by circumstance to engage with other faiths and political realities. That can be precarious but also fruitful. The Pope in Mongolia. What would Genghis Khan say?!

IMPORTANT LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP: Will be read at Masses this weekend. There will be copies available to take home after each Mass.

PRAYER CORNER: Our prayers are asked for the following who are sick and/or housebound: Hazel Lessler, Lucy Lessler, T Steeles, Andrea Filler, Madelaine Newland, Robin Hockey, Christine Houssiere, Dave Youngman, Barbara Williams, Joan Miller, Tony Thorpe, Malcolm Davies, Fiona Fallon, Patricia Clarke.

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